

Appl. No. 10/031,481
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Reply to Advisory Action of 12/20/2004
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claims 17-26 and 48 are pending in the present application. Claim 27 has been canceled. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended. New Claim 19 has been added.

35 USC 112

The Final Office Action of 11/02/2004 now rejects claims 18-20, 22-23, 25-27 and 48 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as allegedly lacking enablement for use of *any* nonionic nonsilicone surfactant. While not conceding to the Office Action and merely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant further defines the nonionic surfactant in Claims 18 and 19 consistent with those recited at page 17, line 23 to page 19 of the specification. In view of the foregoing claim amendments, Applicant submits the 35 USC 112 rejection is overcome.

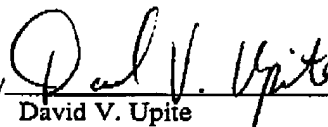
35 USC 102(e)

The Office Action rejects claim 19 as being anticipated under 35 USC 102(e) over Colurciello (U.S. Pat. No. 6 221 833). Applicant amends claim 19 to overcome the rejection. Specifically, Applicant amends claim 19 to the specific buffer system set forth in the present invention. As such, the claim is now allowable over Colurciello.

Conclusion

Claims 17-26 and 48 are now allowable. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

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